

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1.-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A host device comprising the system board of claim 13.

9. (Original) The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is a computer.

10. (Original) The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is one of the group consisting of a network router, a TV set top box and a mobile device.

11.-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A system board fitting within a system enclosure for enclosing the system board, the system board comprising:

(a) a connector that includes:

(i) a first port situated at an outermost exterior boundary of the system board and facing outward from said outermost exterior boundary, said first port open to an exterior of the system enclosure for accepting a peripheral device from outside the system enclosure, and

(ii) a second port facing inward to an interior of the system board and system enclosure; and

(b) a peripheral device operationally connected to said inward-facing port.

14.-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The system board of claim 13, wherein said peripheral device is electrically connected to the system board only via said inward-facing port.

19.-22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The system board of claim 13, wherein said first and second ports are USB ports.

24. (Previously Presented) The system board of claim 13, wherein said second port is substantially functionally identical to said first port.

25. (currently amended) The system board of claim 13, wherein said peripheral device:

- (i) includes a single port for directly operationally connecting said peripheral device to another device, and
- (ii) is directly operationally connected to said inward-facing port by said single port, ~~and~~
- ~~(iii) — is directly operationally connected to no other device.~~

26. (New) A system board capable of fitting within a system enclosure for enclosing the system board, the system board comprising:

a connector, including:

- (i) a first port situated at an outermost exterior boundary of the system board and open to an exterior of the system enclosure when the system board is positioned within the system enclosure, the first port positioned to accept a first peripheral device from outside the system enclosure, and
- (ii) a second port positioned within the system enclosure when the system board is positioned within the system enclosure, and positioned to accept a second peripheral device within the system enclosure.

27. (New) The system board of claim 26, wherein the first and second ports are positioned 180 degrees from each other.

28. (New) The system board of claim 26, wherein the first and second ports are positioned 90 degrees from each other.

29. (New) The system board of claim 26, wherein said first and second ports are USB ports.

30. (New) The system board of claim 26, wherein said second port is substantially functionally identical to said first port.